out interference among satellites belonging to different countries.

(c) The United Nations Committee on Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, of which India is a Member, is also to consider the subject in its Scientific and Technical Sub-Committee meeting under the agenda "Ways and Means of maintaining Outer Space free of debris and pollution". As a member of this Committee, India will be participating and contributing along with other Member countries, towards evolution of an international understanding on this issue. Other International scientific forums like Committee on Space Research (COSPAR) of International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU) and International Astronautical Federation are conducting studies on various aspects related to Space Debris.

Legislation for Management of Ground Water

1524. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to bring forward a central legislation for proper management of ground water; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, Government of India has circulated a 'Model Bill to the States for enactment of suitable legislation for the control and regulation of ground water development.

Increase in Security Deposits for Elections to Lok Sabha Vidhan Sabha

1525. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to increase the security deposits of independent candidate from Rs. 5000/- to Rs. 10,000/- in Lok Sabha and Rs. 2,500/- in Vidhan Sabha elections, in order to discourage frivolous candidates; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) According to section 34 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, a candidate contesting for a parliamentary constituency should make a deposit of Rs. 500/- (Rs. 250/- if the candidate belongs to Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe) and a deposit of Rs. 250/- if he is contesting for an Assembly or Council constituency (Rs. 125/- if the candidate is a member of Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe).

As part of its proposals for electoral reforms, the Election Commission has recommended that the tendency of non-serious candidates to contest in the elections either on their own or having been set up vested interests should be checked. Towards that end, certain deterrent steps including the enhancement of the security deposit to be made by the contesting candidate has been proposed by the Election Commission. However, no decision has yet been taken.

Dharna staged by AIIMS faculty

1526. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state whether AIIMS Faculty staged a Dharna recently as reported in the Times of India dated 22nd October, 1988 and if so, what are the reasons therefor and the corrective steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): No. Sir. Some members of the faculty have, however, submitted a memorandum to the Minister of Health and Family Welfare who is also the President of the Institute asking, *inter-alia*, for the redesignaton and better promotional avenues for the faculty members. The Academic Committee of the Institute has been requested to give their recommendations in this regard?

Setting up of National Institute of Maternal and Child Health at Nagpur

1527. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Maharashtra Government has sent a proposal to the Government of India on the 12th December, 1986 for setting up a National Institute of Maternal and Child Health at Nagpur;

(b) whether it is also a fact that an Expert Group visited Nagpur and the State Government promised that it would give all assistance needed for setting up this Institute at Nagpur;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The matter is under consideration.

आयुर्विज्ञान संस्थान

1528. **श्री अश्विनी कुमार** : क्या **स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश के विभिन्न स्थानों पर स्थित उन आयुर्विज्ञान संस्थानों का ब्यौरा क्या है जहां पर एलोपैथिक पद्धति के साथ-साथ आयुर्वेदिक पद्धति से शिक्षा एवं इलाज की व्यवस्था की गयी है ;

(ख) क्या अखिल भारतीय स्तर पर कोई आयुर्वेद संस्थान खोला गया है अथवा खोले जाने का विचार है ; और

(ग) आयुर्वेदिक पद्धति को लोकप्रिय बनाने के लिए सरकार के विचाराधीन कौन-कौन सी योजनायें हैं और उनके कब तक लागू किये जाने की संभावना है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (कुमारी सरोज खापर्डे) : (क) केन्द्र सरकार द्वारा स्थापित आयुर्विज्ञान की कोई संस्था एलोपैथिक पद्धति के साथ-साथ आयुर्वेदिक पद्धति के माध्यम से शिक्षा और उपचार की व्यवस्था नहीं करती ।

(ख) राष्ट्रीय आयुर्वेद संस्थान नामक एक संस्थान जयपुर में स्थापित किया गया है जिसका उद्देश्य आयुर्वेद का विकास करना स्नातकपूर्व और स्नातकोत्तर स्तर की चिकित्सा शिक्षा प्रदान करना और आयुर्वेदिक चिकित्सा पद्धति के विभिन्न पहलुओं पर अनुसंधान करना आदि है ।

(ग) सरकार स्वास्थ्य परिचर्या प्रदान करने के कार्यक्रम के एक भाग के रूप में भारतीय चिकित्सा पद्धति को बढ़ावा देने के लिए प्रतिबद्ध है । नैदानिक अनुसंधान, औषध अनुसंधान, औषध मानकीकरण, साहित्यिक अनुसंधान, औषधीय पादपों के सर्वेक्षण आदि के लिए केन्द्रीय आयुर्वेद और सिद्ध अनुसंधान परिषद की स्थापना की गई है । इस परिषद ने अनुसंधान निष्कर्षों तथा मलेरिया, मिरगी आदि के उपचार के लिए इसके द्वारा विकसित पेटेन्ट को लोकप्रिय बनाने के लिए विभिन्न कार्यक्रम शुरू किए हैं ।